Democracies thrive when citizens are educated and equipped to succeed economically. But workforce analysis is concerned... 

As demand grows for workers with education beyond high school... 

Fewer high school graduates are pursuing further education. 

PURSUING FURTHER EDUCATION

3 in 4 of the fastest-growing occupations require education or training beyond high school. 

...And May Weaken Civic Life in the U.S.

High school students planning to pursue education/training after high school are more likely to say... 

Postsecondary Plans

My own actions can affect people in the local area

56% vs. 42%

Feel connected to people in my local area

42% vs. 31%

Follow news about my local area

40% vs. 28%

I would be active in local issues

31% vs. 19%

Students who plan to continue their education beyond high school also are more likely to say...

Americans who love their country can disagree about political issues

65% vs. 55%

College may not be for everyone, but everyone has civic responsibilities in a democracy.

What can help all young adults to be ready for the 21st Century Workforce and Civic Life?